Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, I am pleased to join Keystone Treatment Center in celebrating September 2003, as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and,

Whereas, Acknowledging September 2003, offers those involved in substance abuse treatment an opportunity to educate the public, community organizations, public officials, and civic leaders about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial; and,

Whereas, Substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders and co-existing physical illnesses are major public health problems that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and in all communities, and have huge medical, societal, and economic cost; and,

Whereas, Thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, co-occurring disorders, and treatment issues; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Keystone Treatment Center invite all residents of South Dakota to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2003, as

ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to support this year's national theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health" by supporting men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and their families.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State